

25 PLANES OFF IN TRANS-CONTINENTAL AIR RACE TODAY

All But One Hop Off at the
Scheduled Time For
Starting

WEATHER IS VERY BAD

Pilots Go in Prearranged
Order at Drop of
Flag

ROOSEVELT FIELD, Mineola, N. Y., Sept. 19 (I.N.S.)—A single file of twenty-five airplanes, scarcely a mile apart, flew ahead of the rising sun today toward Spokane, Wash., in a transcontinental air race. Their first stop was to be Bellefonte, Pa., an airport 250 miles west of here.

Although visibility was low, and the flying weather bad, the start of the twenty-five racers and their passengers was effected with clock-like precision. Beginning promptly at 7:01 o'clock, the planes left the ground at exactly one minute intervals. There was no mishap; not even an interruption.

The pilots took off in pre-arranged order. Only one entrant in this Class B group failed to start. He was H. E. Campbell, of Long Island, whose Eaglerock ship awaited an undelivered motor part.

J. S. Charles, of Richmond, Va., led the field, his Eaglerock biplane rising to the starter's flag as the first streak of sunlight tipped its wings.

The other planes followed, in quick succession.

Just at the stroke of 7 o'clock, as the starter was lifting the red flag, the first streak of sunlight made its way through the clouds.

For a time, the rain had threatened to postpone the take-off for several hours. It started to rain at about 3:30 o'clock, and stopped shortly before 6 o'clock. The field was wet, but not muddy. But the darkness was deeper than had been anticipated, and the lack of any artificial lights except hand election flashlights and ordinary oil lamps, made it difficult to get the planes out early and tune up the engines.

Personal Notes

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnfield, of Bath street, had as Sunday guests their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ettinger and daughter, Rita, of Philadelphia.

—Miss Ann Boyle and her niece, Miss Regina Peters, of Bath street, were guests over Saturday and Sunday of relatives in Frankford, Pa.

—Miss Esther Lawrence will move this week from Mill street, into an apartment at 210 Jefferson avenue. Miss Mary King, Miss Catherine Cropper and Mrs. Annie Groom are also occupants of apartments at the Weiks' residence, 210 Jefferson avenue.

—Mrs. Anna Cobb, of Asbury Park, N. J., has been paying a lengthy visit to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarron, of 1238 Pond street.

—Mr. Edmund Thornton, of Bath street, will return to his home this week from a fortnight's stay in Allentown, Pa.

—Mrs. James Cooper, of 250 McKinley street, accompanied by Mrs. A. R. Griggs, of Trenton, N. J., were guests over Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. Cooper's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keador, of Wilmington, Del.

—The Misses Wiley, of Jefferson avenue, had as a Sunday guest, Miss Martha Townsend, formerly of Bristol, now of Burlington, N. J.

WHAT THE INDEPENDENTS DEMAND

That the whole Independent movement in the present campaign has been predicated upon a demand that the taxpayers of Bristol be saddled with the cost of a fire defense system equal in number of companies, to that of communities eighteen times the size of Bristol and with ten times its property values, is shown by the following evidence, from the Fire Committee's Report, November 19th, 1926:

"Lower Merion Township, with 27 square miles of area, which is 18 times that of Bristol, and whose \$70,000,000 of assessed valuation is ten times our own, with a population very much greater, finds itself amply protected with five fire companies upon a part-paid basis, whereas Bristol now has that number of volunteer companies for only 1 1/2 square miles of area, some 13,000 of population, and an assessed valuation of only \$7,000,000.

"Upon the other hand . . . Narberth, with a larger area than Bristol and with almost double our assessed valuation, has one fire company, with two paid men and sleepers. Bala, Cynwyd and Merion, with an aggregate of two and a half times our area and more than double our property values, have one fire company, with two paid men and a telephone operator."

ST. ANN'S IN OPENER TAKE VISITORS' SCALP

Local Eleven Defeat Cornell
A. A. by Score of
6 to 0

GILARDI'S TOUCHDOWN

St. Ann's football team defeated the Cornell A. A. yesterday before a crowd estimated at 1,000. It was the opening game of the season and the interest was at a high pitch. The final score was 6 to 0 in favor of the home eleven.

The visitors came from Lawndale and the lone score came in the first quarter when Gilardi picked up a fumble and ran 30 yards for a touchdown. The try for the extra point failed.

In the third quarter Cornell reached St. Ann's 14 yard line and line-backs brought the ball to the four yard line but here the first string men were sent in and held the line. St. Ann's were never in danger after this.

"Pete" Paletta and J. Pico were the real gainers for the local team while Hagg and Windburg starred for Cornell. M. Pico, captain, was out of the game on account of an injured arm.

The line-up:

St. Ann's Cornell
Stallone left end McCloskey
Dan Greco left tackle Buski
M. Veland left guard Guzzi
A. Missera center McShay
D. Greco right guard Palmer
T. Billy right tackle Nelson
F. Seneca right end Rice
Sabatini quarterback McDough
P. Paletta left halfback Wineburg
J. Missera right halfback Haag
J. Pico, capt. fullback Ashton, capt.

Substitutes:
Cornell A. A.—Donnell for McShay, Wilson for Haag.

St. Ann's—F. Pico for Sabatini, S. Seneca for J. Pico, Pope for F. Seneca, Gilardi for Stallone, Straffe for Dan Greco, Marino for D. Greco, Terch for A. Missera, Lasperella for Veland.

The Question Confronting Republican Voters

(EDITORIAL)

In a full page advertisement in this issue, the important facts of the present campaign have been clearly set forth. They are facts which every Republican should carefully read and digest before marking his or her ballot in the Primary tomorrow.

The camouflage has been torn away, the smoke screen dissipated, and the clear truth stands revealed. It is revealed, not in somebody's mere allegation or assertion, but in an arrangement of facts, events and circumstances which cannot be refuted or denied.

As stated in that advertisement, a Primary in Bristol not only carries all of its own fundamental importance, but in addition partakes of the functions, purposes and results of an Election. For, with five of our Wards, and the Borough as a whole, predominantly Republican, the nominations made by the Republicans are practically equivalent to election.

In the campaign that is now at a close, certain chronic critics, obstinate obstructionists, and constant seekers after political prestige, have sought to capitalize the fire defense question for their own political purposes.

It is for the Republicans of Bristol to say tomorrow whether they have been fooled, or are going to remain so up to the time of marking and depositing their ballots.

It is a Primary of more than ordinary importance, for fundamentally it reaches right to the pocketbook of the entire citizenship.

Resolved to its simplest language, the question to be decided is whether the existing Borough Government shall be approved, endorsed and continued, or allegiance given to a group which is opposed to progress and whose very first project involves an inevitable increase in the tax rate.

We hope that every Republican will read that advertisement thoughtfully—every line, every word in it.

For, as stated in the advertisement itself, it bears intimate relationship to a duty and responsibility which each voter owes to himself or herself, to his or her fellow citizens, and to the Borough as a whole.

In doing so, there is this outstanding fact, which every voter ought to keep clearly in mind:

The Borough of Bristol is a big municipal enterprise. It has come to be so as a consequence of constructive vision, sound business management, and the application of the most careful judgment to each problem as it has developed.

All our investments in public facilities, all of our splendid streets, our bridges, our lighting and innumerable other improvements marking the town's march of progress, have been had at a tax rate lower than in any other community of our size in the State, whose development has been pushed forward within the same comparatively short period.

Our Borough Government, as constituted, and under the impetus which has meant so much to the town, has steadily "delivered the goods," often under the handicap of the most unfair and unreasonable antagonism and opposition.

Our annual municipal expenditures are approximately \$80,000 a year. Of this sum, the expenditures for fire defense run about \$7,500, or considerably less than 10% of the whole, and will not exceed that figure for the consolidated volunteer fire department with two paid drivers.

Throughout this campaign the importance of the fire defense matter has been emphasized out of all proportion to its relationship to the Borough's interests and activities as a whole.

It may loom large as a matter of prejudice, but it is relatively small in comparison with what constitutes the entire substance of this big municipal enterprise called BRISTOL.

Many voters may not have considered the present campaign and tomorrow's Primary in that light before.

The question that they must decide is whether they are going to turn their backs upon all this and vote by prejudice or to please some friend, rather than in a spirit of fairness and intelligent self-interest.

JAMES STAHLEY IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Deceased Is to Be Buried From
Residence Here
Tomorrow

HIGH MASS IN ST. MARK'S

James Stahley, husband of Mary Stahley, of 702 Corson street, died at Norristown, Pa., on Friday last. The deceased was 59 years of age.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow from his late residence at 8:30 a. m. and high mass will be said in St. Mark's Church at 9:30 o'clock. Burial will be made in Haycock Cemetery, and friends may call this evening.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The directors and members of the Needlework Guild of America will meet tomorrow at 2 p. m. to sew. The members will assemble in the Community House.

A BAKE SALE

The Girl Reserves of the Bristol High School are making plans for a bake sale which they will conduct at the office of the Industrial Insurance Company, Mill street, next Saturday. The sale will commence at 11 a. m.

—Mr. G. Cedric Jarvis, of Radcliffe street, has purchased a handsome new Buick coupe, of Clarence Winter, the local dealer.

COMMUNITY HOUSE REOPENS TOMORROW

Reception to Morrisville
Teachers Arranged by Home,
School League

INTERIOR REDECORATED

MORRISVILLE, Sept. 19.—Reopening of the Morrisville Community House will occur tomorrow evening, after being closed for extensive renovations during the summer months.

A reception to the 35 teachers in the Morrisville schools will be the event, being arranged by the Home and School League and the Board of School Directors. An extensive program has been prepared, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Thomas B. Stockhma will extend the welcome of the borough and Dr. Ralph M. Fox, president of the Board of Education, will speak for the school directors. Refreshments will be served and there will be musical features.

Motion pictures will be shown on the four remaining nights of the week with a war film as the attraction. Programs will be continued throughout the winter, with Samuel J. T. Fell in charge.

The four bowling alleys are being reopened with two leagues arranging schedules. Thursday evening has been set aside exclusively for women as well as every afternoon during the week. Provision has also been made for children's bowling. A duck-pin (Continued on Page Two)

LATE NEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19 (I.N.S.) — One person was drowned and much damage caused by a severe electrical storm that swept Southeastern Pennsylvania for three hours early today. The storm struck shortly after midnight causing streams to overflow their banks and making many highways impassable. Numerous automobiles were stalled.

CLEMENTON, N. J., Sept. 19 (I.N.S.)—Charles R. Miller, of Wilmington, former Governor of Delaware, died suddenly today of a heart attack, at the home of Captain Joseph Baker, in Pine Valley, near here, where he had been visiting.

CO. SEAT PAPER MAKES COMMENTS ON TOUR HERE

"The Gossiper" Column Of
Intelligencer Highly Lauds
Conditions Here

GAIN NOT EASY TASK

"The Gossiper," a special column conducted in the Doylestown Intelligencer, comments as follows on the recent visit to Bristol of representatives of Quakertown, Perkasie and Sellersville and representatives of the county press as well as the burgesses of boroughs in Bucks county:

"It meant hard fighting, continuous fighting and fighting up to the present time."

It was in words similar to these that Borough Solicitor Howard I. James, of Bristol, summarized the method of achieving the conspicuous improvements that big and growing borough has gotten in the past twenty years.

Fortunate the borough that has citizens gifted with foresight, imbued with community pride and sufficient desire for improvement to stand up and fight in the face of opposition, even vilification, as they have in Bristol.

Getting community improvements and benefits is no easy task. It may look so to the great majority who sit back and wait for others to bring about the desired changes. Involved in the process of transformation, however, is just one handicap after another. Legal points must be settled. Financing problems must be solved. Natural obstacles must be overcome. But most obstinate of all are the handicaps presented by selfish or narrow-visioned persons who set their wills and influence against the things unselfish community planners have decided on after careful study.

We cannot prize too highly citizens who give this unselfish and patriotic service. Far too few have the vision, the inspiration, the ability and the courage required to put improvements across.

Against them are opposed not only the self-seeking and jealous elements of a community, but the gray-beards of all ages, who lack the ability to look ahead and who see destruction in every change proposed.

Had these elements had their way, in Bristol and other forward-looking and forward-moving communities of the county, we would still have water supplies from pumps and cisterns instead of fine municipal water service stations, providing healthful water at lower cost than privately-owned concerns could have furnished it, and we would have lacked sewerage systems, good streets, adequate fire protection and town planning and improvement generally.

Honest opposition may be a good thing to have as a check on overgrown idealism and optimism, but this type of anti is more educated and compromised with. It is the self-

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PITTSBURGH CONFIDENT OF WINNING PENNANT

Although Flag Has Not Been
Won Yet Supporters
Feel Sure

NO PLANS MADE AS YET

By Carl L. Turner
I. N. S. Staff Correspondent

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 19.—Though the National League pennant race, the hottest in years, is far from settled, Pittsburgh fandom has sufficient confidence in the ability of its pirates to deluge Forbes Field with orders for World Series tickets at this early stage.

Of course, Barney Dreyfuss, venerable owner of the club, isn't recognizing any of the orders. Too many times has he seen his hiring lead the pack to within spitting distance of the wire, only to break, and pull up second or third.

"No World Series preparations will be made," Dreyfuss told International News Service, "until the team is actually in. Of course, we hope to win the pennant."

Should Pittsburgh win the right to oppose the New York Yankees for the world's title, critics agree much of the credit goes to Manager Owen "Doc" Bush.

He had virtually the same ball club to work with that "Bill" McKechnie had during the latter part of the 1926 season, when the pirates, torn with internal dissension, collapsed in the last few months and allowed St. Louis to nose them out.

Though the material is much the same, the management is radically different as the pirates flash down the home stretch this season. There is no internal dissension.

Bush was unfortunate enough to be confronted with that very thing, but he promptly and emphatically set his foot down on it with apparent satisfactory results.

The incident had to do with Hazen "Kiki" Cuyler, once and probably one of the greatest outfielders in organized baseball, but he was benched as though he were no more important than the humblest rookie when Bush thought he wasn't playing to win.

Should the pirates enter the post-season series, Cuyler, who practically won the 1925 World Series for the Pirates with the telling hit in the final game with Washington, in all probability will warm the bench.

"I may not be fortunate enough to develop a winner," Bush said, "but I will have harmony on any club I manage, regardless of who may manage disciplining."

And Pittsburgh fans are beginning to see the wisdom of the Bush policy as the Pirates maintain their hold on first place.

LEGION POSTPONES MEETING

The meeting of the Robert W. Bracken Post No. 352, American Legion, has been postponed from tomorrow evening until Tuesday night, September 27th.

SENTIMENT NO EXCUSE FOR INCREASING TAX BURDEN

"I have confidence in the intelligence, common sense and fair-mindedness of our citizens, and hence have no hesitancy in putting before the entire Republican electorate, in black and white, facts which I know cannot be successfully refuted, and which it is important that each voter should understand and consider carefully, before determining definitely upon his or her course in the approaching Primary Election"

"With all my friendship for the volunteer fire companies in their present form, which I believe they will concede has been long-continued, consistent and sincere, I am compelled to say frankly that sentiment is no excuse at all for Borough Council and the Burgess doubling the taxpayers' cost for a given municipal activity."

"I will go further than that and express the firm conviction that had Borough Council acceded to the fire companies' demands, the very newspaper and its allies who are now accusing one of our citizens of having schemed to disrupt the five volunteer fire companies, would just as bitterly be accusing him of having 'sold out' the taxpayers in order to 'buy' the friendship and political support of the volunteer firemen. It is to the distinct credit of his sincerity, courage and patriotism that he does not stand under any such charge."

—Chief Burgess Anderson, in his letter to the Republican voters, Sept. 1, 1927.

ALL-STAR TEAM BEATS CHAMPIONS BY SCORE OF 5 TO 4

Field Club Nine Opposed By
Strong Aggregation Of
Players

AN INTERESTING GAME

Brilliant Playing Featured The
Contest on Leedom's
Field

A collection of stars representing almost every team in the Twilight League nosed out the champion Field Club team on Leedom's Field, Saturday, in ten innings, 5-4, in one of the most interesting games of the season. The game at times scintillated with brilliant plays. Callahan's one handed catch of Barrett's line drive in deep centre in the opening inning and "Mike" Riola's catch of Kohler's hot liner in the second, doubling up Hibbs at second base, were the outstanding ones.

A base on balls to Roe and McDevitt hit by a pitched ball set the stage for the winning tally in the All-Stars' tenth inning. Riola fouled to Kohler and Barton fled to centre, the diminutive Rodgers then poked a safety to right field and brought over the winning run.

A base on balls to Barrett, his steal and Roe's two-bagger gave the Stars their first tally in the third inning. Field Club in their half tied the score, W. Fine singled, advanced to second on a wild pitch to third on McGlynn's hit and scored on an infield out.

Field Club took the lead in the sixth. Cochran hit safe, stole second and scored when J. Fine hit along the third base line to left field.

The Stars took the lead again in the eighth, scoring twice. Barrett was safe when Kohler missed the third strike and advanced on Roe's tap to Dugan. Barrett chose to take third on the out but was run down between second and third. W. Fine finally missed the ball, allowing the score. Riola's two bagger to left field and Barton's hit counted the other.

A base on balls to Delaney, a wild pitch and McCarr's hit to centre tallied one in the Stars' ninth session. In the Field Club's half they hit Delaney viciously and again knotted the count on hits by Hibbs, Callahan, McGlynn and Jones, only to lose in the tenth.

Delaney did his best pitching in the tenth, he striking out both J. Fine and Hibbs and preventing a rally.

Score:

BRISTOL FIELD CLUB										
	A. B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.				
Cochran 2b	5	1	2	3	3	1				
Dugan 3b	5	0	0	3	5	0				
J. Fine 1b	5	0	2	9	3	0				
Hibbs rf	5	1	1	1	0	0				
Callahan cf	3	1	5	1	5	0				
Kohler c	4	0	1	7	3	1				
W. Fine ss	4	1	1	1	3	2				
McGlynn lf	4	0	2	1	0	1				
Beaton p	3	0	1	0	1	0				
Jones p	1	0	1	0	0	0				
Totals	39	4	12	30	19	5				

BRISTOL ALL-STARS										
	A. B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.				
McCarr of	3	0	1	3	0	0				
Barrett lf	4	2	0	5	1	0				
Roe ss	4	1	2	0	5	0				
McDevitt 2b	4	0	0	3	2	0				
Riola 3b	5	1	2	1	4	0				
Barton rf	5	0	2	2	0	0				
Leyden 1b	2	0	0	9	0	1				
Rodgers 2b	2	0	1	3	0	0				
Brasica cf	1	0	0	0	0	0				
White c	4	0	0	4	2	0				
Delaney p	3	1	0	0	1	1				
Totals	37	5	8	30	15	2				

Innings:
Field Club . . . 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 4
All-Stars . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 1 1 5

Stolen bases: Barrett, Callahan, McGlynn.

Two-base hits: Roe, Riola, Beaton.

Sacrifice hits: Callahan.

Double plays: Riola to McDevitt;

Barrett to Leyden; White to Rodgers;

Callahan to Dugan; W. to J. Fine to

Dugan to Kohler.

Struck out by Beaton, 5; Delaney, 3.

Base on balls off Beaton, 4; Jones, 1.

Wild pitches: Delaney, Beaton (2).

Hit by pitched ball: By Jones, Mc-

Devitt.

Time: 2 hours.

Umpires: Cooper and Sharps.

Score: Francis G. Ellis.

ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kivor, of 1627 Wilson avenue, entertained over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. William Sillis and son, Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hanft, and Miss Anne Kivor, sister of Mr. Kivor, all of Brooklyn, New York. The trip was made via automobile.

W. C. T. U. TO MEET

The regular monthly business meeting of the W. C. T. U. will take place tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Martha Hughes, 601 Radcliffe street. The session is called for eight o'clock.

RETURN FROM TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Grebe returned last Saturday from an extensive trip abroad. While in the British Isles they covered 2400 miles via automobile. A delightful week was also spent in Paris by the Bristolians.

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MAKING STRIDES

With the approaching of the centennial anniversary of the Yardley Free Public Library, thought was given to marked improvements a few months ago.

Not only was the physical appearance of the building given attention, but benefits have been derived in provision of more room for the volumes that will be shelved. Recently some prized volumes were added to the collection, and with improvements as made, old records can be easily accessible, but still be in a place of safety.

Much interest is at present centering about the juvenile department, and those in charge are to be congratulated for the thought and consideration given over to the children.

The new departure is to be a story hour which will be conducted each week by a former assistant librarian, one to whom rows upon rows of books of all descriptions are not strangers, and one who is a graduate elocutionist and former radio broadcaster.

Fortunate are the townspeople of this Bucks County town that with each year, especially as the centennial is approached, such marked strides are noted.

Each achievement will be but a spur to greater effort.

LIFE MORE HAZARDOUS

Readers of newspapers must certainly have been impressed by the unusually large number of catastrophes resulting in much loss of life which have occupied front page space during the last year. It may be imaginary—great events are soon forgotten—but it seems to many that the last twelve months have witnessed more than a normal year's share of disasters.

Looking back over the months the average citizen can recall upwards of a dozen disastrous wind storms and floods, a horrifying number of mine disasters, much loss of life in wrecks on sea and railroad, considerable havoc by fire, earthquakes and many other calamities. Every day seems to have brought its own disaster.

If there has been more loss of life and property through abnormal atmospheric conditions in the past twelvemonth than in the average year that is readily explained by the variable climatic conditions and as for the other disasters the natural advance of civilization may account for them. There are more people, more mines, more trains, more ships and therefore more possibility of accident and more potential victims of accident.

But while life has been in greater hazard and more uncertain during the past year than in the normal year there has been no panic among mankind nor any frantic struggle to prevent the inevitable. The government and the individual have gone about their affairs as serenely and deliberately as in the most uneventful years of the past. For this there is only one explanation. Hope and confidence in life. Although death is always just around the corner man is ever oblivious to it. When disaster wipes out a town it never occurs to the natives of a town ten miles away that it might have been their town.

Jack: An instrument used to raise a car. Also a means of lifting people into high society.

Paris may dictate fashions, but it is no longer necessary to go to France for naughty novels.

Echoes of the Past

Items of Interest as
Gleaned from old files of
Bucks County Newspapers

Thirty-five years ago the following were recorded in the Newtown Enterprise, dated September 3, 1892:

The several Sunday Schools connected with the Neshaminy Presbyterian Church of Warwick, held their annual reunion on Thursday of that week. There were addresses by Revs. William K. Preston and Henry L. Nicholas. A bountiful dinner was provided on the grounds, and the several field and lawn games were indulged in. The church mentioned was founded in 1710 and among its numerous pastors the names of VanVleet, Tennent, Beatty, Irwin, Belleville, Wilson, Turner, Jones and Preston are recalled.

Amos S. Brelsford, of Bristol, for 25 years a watchman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near 40th street, Philadelphia, died in the Presbyterian Hospital on Wednesday, from injuries received by being struck by a train on Tuesday.

James Buckman, of Doylestown, had been appointed a leather inspector at the United States Arsenal in Philadelphia.

The Enterprise noted among other local items that George Boehm's hotel at Newportville, was robbed on Wednesday night of the previous week of 600 cigars, \$5 in cash and a quantity of whiskey.

An inventory of the personal property of William F. Finney, late of Warminster, filed in the Register's office, amounts to \$9991.

In the Doylestown Intelligencer, dated September 8, 1877, the following appeared:

A set of vault doors of steel and pounds arrived in Bristol. They were Franklinite iron and weighing 4300 to have been placed in the Farmers' National Bank of Bucks County located in the borough of Bristol.

With the opening of the rail bird season, Bristol sounded like a miniature battlefield. Hundreds of men who enjoyed hunting rail birds went out into the marshes the first day, but did not meet with much success.

In the Intelligencer dated August 25, 1877, the following appeared:

O. P. Rose, who resided near Philip's mill, Solebury township, had an acre of cantaloupes from which he picked a two-horse load daily. These were sold at \$4 per hundred in Lambertville, New Hope and other places.

Jacob F. Hendricks, Applebachsville, was the winner at a spelling bee at Langhorne. The winner was a graduate of Millersville Normal School and for two years had been teaching in Lehigh County.

Monsell Arnold, Bristol, came near drowning in the river at that place. He had gone into the river to bathe,

where the stream cut a channel at the end of Island Wharf, and suddenly found himself in water beyond his depth. He was fortunate in retaining his composure and in so doing he clasped his hand over his mouth and nose and prevented the water from getting into his lungs.

The only marriage reported was that of Samuel B. Burns, Morrisville, and Miss Rebecca Smyths, Fallsington.

Joseph Martindell, Langhorne, a brakeman on the North Penn Railroad, was severely injured at Hopewell, N. J. It was thought it would be many months before he could resume his work on the road.

Community House Reopens Tomorrow

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League has been organized by the Robertson Art Tile Company with eight teams participating, while another league using regulation pins will use the alleys. The alleys are being oper-

ated from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily.

The interior of the Community House has been re-decorated and greatly improved in appearance. A committee which includes representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Home and School League, American Legion and numerous other civic organizations, is supervising the building. Actual ownership is vested in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Community House* also contains the Morrisville Library, and headquarters of the Red Cross Chapter, Community Nurse, Boy and Girl Scouts, Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations.

Co. Seat Paper Makes Comments On Tour Here

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seekers and the opponent whose jealousy determines his action who does most to hold back the wheels of progress and deserves the condemnation of good citizens.

We need more of the type of citizen who has the welfare of his community closely at heart, the kind interested enough to devote time to the study of

local conditions, the men and women who have the courage to back up forward looking efforts.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Renk, of 1322 Pond street, had as guests for several days last week their relatives, Mrs. Joseph Renk and daughter, Mrs. Fred Gareiss and granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Gareiss, of New York. On Friday, Mrs. John Stern and son, Everett, of New York, motored to Bristol to visit Mr. and Mrs. Renk and returned home in the evening taking with them Mrs. Joseph Renk, Mrs. Gareiss and her daughter.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pearson and daughter, Miss Roberta Pearson, of Wood street, have returned to their home from a lengthy visit to relatives in Methuen, Massachusetts.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Ratcliffe, 2nd, and son, Ellis, of Pitman, N. J., were Sunday visitors at the home of home from a lengthy visit to relatives. Mr. Ratcliffe's mother, Mrs. William Ratcliffe, of 901 Garden street.

NOTICE

Vacation and Tax Clubs NOW OPEN

50c, \$1, \$2 and \$5 per week

The Bristol Trust Company

Fastest Four in America Proves Its Claim to Title

Dodge Averages 67.35 miles per hour in Beating All Other Fours in Atlantic City A. A. A. Race

The Atlantic City (N.J.) Speedway Association, without Dodge Brothers instigation or knowledge, bought a Dodge Brothers Four and entered it in a Labor Day race for four cylinder stock cars. Four cars of other makes also competed. All were strictly stock cars as required by the rules of the association. The race was for 25 miles—to determine which was "The Fastest Four in America."

The Dodge won.

Its average speed for the entire race, from a standing start, was 67.35 miles per hour (officially timed by A. A. A.).

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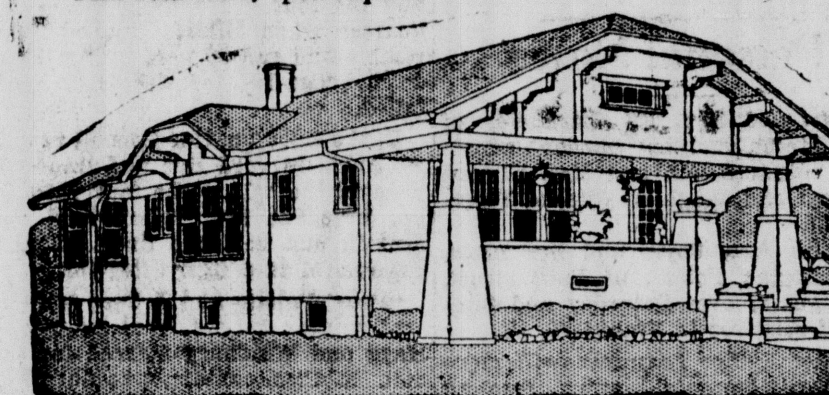
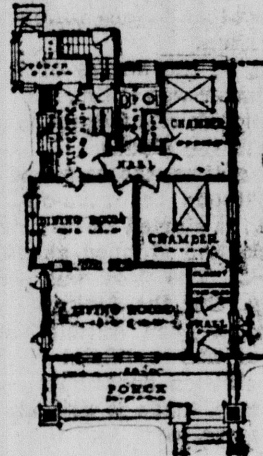
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Meeting of Mohican Tribe No. 127, O. R. M.
Meeting of Harriman Men's Club.
Meeting of Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.
Meeting of Bristol Lodge No. 970, B. P. O. E.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fennimore, of 318 Wood street, spent the week-end in Baltimore, Md., visiting friends.

—On Sunday Mrs. Caroline Hibbs, Mr. Wilmer Hibbs and children, of 204 Mill street, and Mrs. Charles Saxton, of 314 Wood street, motored to Seaside, N. J., and spent the day there.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, of Philadelphia, who have been summering at the home of Mr. Johnson's sisters, the Misses Johnson, of Radcliffe street, have returned to their home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woolman, of Frosty Hollow, had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradansky and son, Wynnefield, of Frankford, Pa.

—Mrs. John MacKay and daughter, Jean, of 260 Harrison street, have been paying a lengthy visit to friends in Arlington, N. J.

—Mr. Leonard Simons, of 615 Swain street, has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Comfort and son, Evan, of Trenton, N. J., spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Comfort's mother, Mrs. Lewis Pope, of Washington street.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Parkinson, of Wilson street, were Saturday and Sunday guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend, of Belmar, N. J.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cahoon, of McKinley street, had as guests for several days last week, Mr. Cahoon's

brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Stout, formerly of Miami, Fla., now of Washington, D. C. Mr. Cahoon and his sister had lost track of each other for the past nineteen years.

—Mrs. Warren Thompson, of 212 Radcliffe street, who has been spending two months at her cottage in Ocean Grove, N. J., where she was joined over the week-ends by her husband and son, has returned to her home in Bristol for the winter months.

—Wayne, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mulholland, of Dorrance street, was operated upon recently for appendicitis at the private hospital of Dr. J. Fred Wagner.

—Miss Lucena Peck, of Radcliffe street, has returned to her home from a fortnight's stay with relatives in Connecticut.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, of 919 Beaver street, had as a Sunday guest, Mrs. Wilkinson's sister, Miss Ruth Frebe, of Philadelphia.

—Miss Amanda Grace, of 326 Jefferson avenue, spent several days last week in Bordentown, N. J., visiting friends.

—Robert Lehman, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lehman, of 316 Radcliffe street, who spent the summer in Maine, has left for Amherst College, where he has matriculated as a student.

—Mr. William H. Townend, of Washington street, spent the week-end in Belmar, N. J., visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townend.

—Mrs. Catharine Tiernan, of Newark, N. J., was a guest during last week of Mrs. Joseph Wright, of Wood street.



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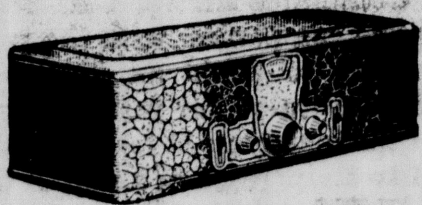
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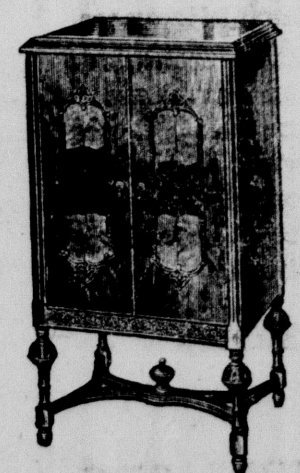


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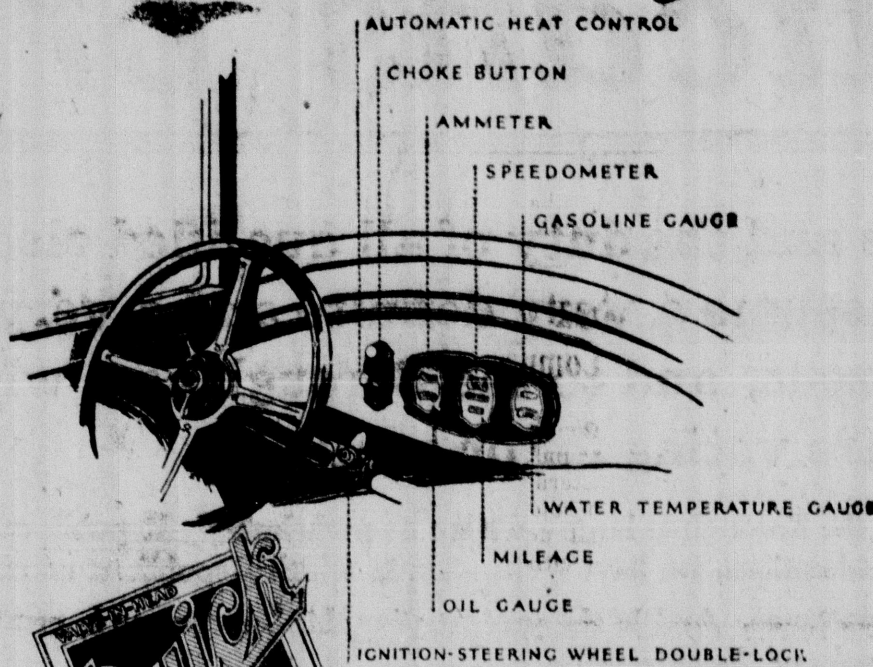


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Croydon, Pa., Sept. 15, 1927.
The Bristol Courier, Gentlemen:

It has come to my notice this week, that one person at Croydon has openly made certain accusations regarding my character and conduct, all of which statements are untrue and slanderous. I take the liberty in writing this open letter calling upon any person who has accused me of misconduct of any kind to come forward and prove the same or to make a public retraction of all such statements through the medium of your paper.

Unless this is done I shall take all necessary steps to require proof of the unfair and slanderous statements so made.

I am sending this letter to the Bristol Courier and the Bucks County Independent and request that these papers shall publish the same in their paper. I am a candidate for the office of Constable in Bristol Township and wish to be fair and just to all other candidates for any office within the Township, but my own candidacy is seriously affected, and work and assistance I might be able to give to other candidates is handicapped by the malicious and unwarranted allegations of a few people who are absolutely unable to prove or maintain one of their statements.

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Republicans of Bristol

Tomorrow it will be the privilege and the duty of all qualified electors to participate in the Primary.

All voters exercising that right assume a very definite and a very important obligation. They owe it to themselves, to their fellow citizens, and to the Borough as a whole, to do so intelligently and with a clear understanding of what they are voting for or against.

In all but one of our six Wards—and consequently as to the Borough at large—we are overwhelmingly Republican. The one Ward in which the exception prevails is overwhelmingly Democratic. Eliminating this latter Ward from our considerations, we have a situation in which Republican nominations are equivalent to election.

In such circumstances the Primary takes on a double importance. And in the present year this importance is greatly increased and emphasized by the nature of the issues that have been raised—issues which reach directly to the pocketbooks of the citizenship.

With these facts before us, let us make some examination of the sincerity of the campaign that has been directed against the existing Borough Government; seek the cold truth and facts concerning the chief issue upon which it has been based; and thereby come to a clear understanding of its real purposes, and what its consequences would be, should it be attended with success.

THE OPPOSITION HAS ASSERTED THROUGHOUT THAT THE FIRE DEFENSE QUESTION IS THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THIS CAMPAIGN, AND IT HAS BASED ITS ENTIRE APPEAL UPON THE FOLLOWING ASSERTIONS:

1. That the fire defense investigation was initiated, and its solution arrived at, as a means of destroying the five existing companies. 2. That the whole purpose of the opposition is to elect to Council candidates pledged to the repeal of the Ordinance of November 19th, 1926, providing for a consolidated volunteer fire company with two paid drivers, in a centrally-located station. 3. That the single consolidated volunteer fire company with two paid drivers will cost more than would the continuance of the existing five companies, and therefore means an inevitable increase in the tax rate.

AS TO PROPOSITIONS NOS. 1 AND 3, THEY HAVE OFFERED NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER; NO FACTS OF ANY SORT—ONLY THEIR OWN STATEMENTS. WHILE AS TO PROPOSITION NO. 2, THEY HAVE THEMSELVES FURNISHED CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT REFUTES THEIR OWN CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

AS TO PROPOSITION No. 1

FROM FIRE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

It will be recalled that the present situation arose out of requests by some of the volunteer companies that the Borough purchase for them new apparatus and equipment. Those requests represented a radical departure from the procedure that had been followed in the past. Not only was the Borough asked to make expenditures for apparatus and equipment over which the Borough would have no supervision or control, but the granting of the requests would have established a precedent under which the Borough definitely would have committed itself to the ultimate and complete maintenance of all five of the volunteer fire companies now in existence in Bristol.

—Report of Nov. 19, 1926.

BURGESS ANDERSON

The first fact that they (the voters) should realize, then—and I state it unqualifiedly—is that this situation was not initiated as a consequence of anyone's desire to disorganize or "get rid of" the volunteer firemen, as has been so persistently asserted throughout this campaign, but was initiated entirely by the volunteer fire companies themselves, in the form of demands which Borough Council and the Burgess could not meet without committing the Borough to expenditures for fire defense at least double what the figure has been for some years past, and will continue to be for the consolidated volunteer system provided for in the November, 1926, ordinance of Borough Council. That important fact should be kept clearly in everybody's mind.

I put my integrity as Chief Burgess, my repute as a citizen, and my standing as a business man, behind the statement that Borough Council and the Burgess could have found no warrant or justification whatever for acceding to the demands of the various companies, which action the volunteer firemen themselves well knew would have been equivalent to committing the Borough to the complete equipment, maintenance and support thenceforth, not only of the five companies then existent, but of a sixth as well, which we all know was being projected and would have been formed almost immediately, had Borough Council and the Burgess committed the citizenship to any such policy.

The firemen themselves do not deny either the nature of their demands or the commitments that they carried.

—Letter to Citizens, Sept. 1, 1927.

BUCKS COUNTY INDEPENDENT

As to his (the Burgess') reference to the firemen not denying "either the nature of their demands or the commitments they carried," the firemen do not deny they requested that new apparatus be purchased No doubt if the citizens felt the requirement of a sixth company they would have come forward to support its organization.

—Editorial, Sept. 9, 1927.

Republicans participating in the Primary tomorrow owe it to themselves, to their fellow citizens, and to the Borough as a whole, to do so with a clear understanding of what they are voting for or against.

A Vote For The Regular Republican Nominees Is A Vote To Retain The Existing Borough Government, and The Progress, Development And Improvement to which It Has Directed Its Initiative and Energy In Behalf Of The Entire Citizenship.

A Vote For The Independent Nominees Is A Vote For Stagnation And An Increased Tax Rate For The Entire Community.

Sentiment Has Its Place, But Not In The Management Of A Big Corporation—And Bristol Is A Big Corporation.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

AS TO PROPOSITION No. 2

SIGNIFICANT INCONSISTENCIES

Borough Council is the only body that can repeal an existing ordinance. Obviously, therefore, if the opposition's only object in this campaign was to elect members of Council who would vote to repeal the ordinance of November 19th, 1926, they would have confined themselves to entering candidates for Borough Council and concentrated all their energies upon that purpose.

Instead, we find the Assistant Chief of the existing fire defense system entering himself as an Independent candidate—not for Borough Council and repeal of the ordinance of November 19th, 1926, but for Assessor in the Sixth Ward, the only office to be voted for in that Ward which carries a salary with it. Had he become a candidate for Council (which carries no pay), and repeal of the ordinance of November 19th, 1926, the Independent faction would not enter the Primary without a candidate for Borough Council in the Sixth Ward.

We find, also, that this group which professes its sole interest to be in the volunteer firemen and repeal of the ordinance creating the consolidated volunteer fire department, has entered its own candidate for Assessor in the First Ward, against the present incumbent, Arthur Wright, who is today and for years has been a volunteer fireman in good standing.

Similarly in the Second Ward, the same group has entered a candidate for Assessor against the present incumbent, James L. McGee, who for years has been a captain of the Fire Police, and who probably has done service at as many fires as any man now living in Bristol.

In neither instance have these acts of political assault upon volunteer firemen been explained or even partially justified by any criticism of the manner in which these Assessors have performed their duties.

But there are other evidences.

The School Board has nothing whatever to do with the fire defense question, and certainly affords no means of repealing the ordinance of November 19th, 1926. Two of its most valued members are candidates for nomination and reelection. They have rendered splendid service, and, with their colleagues, have won the praise and approval of all who are interested in our public school system. Yet the Independents have entered a candidate against them. More than that, although two are to be nominated, John F. Smoyer, who has participated in public endorsement of the present School Board, has publicly asked Independents to vote only for the one candidate entered by the opposition.

Confirming that public request, the Smoyer-owned Bucks County Independent, on September 16th, published the Independent slate, asking only for a vote for its own candidate for School Director.

Do these and many similar facts support or refute the assertions of the Independents that their whole interest is in the fire defense question?

AS TO PROPOSITION No. 3

FROM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Boroughs comparable with Bristol, supporting from 1 to 5 stations, which are organized upon the volunteer basis, with paid drivers, are:

Narberth, at a cost PER COMPANY of from \$3,000 to \$4,000; Hanover, \$4,000; Bellevue, \$3,800; Carlisle, \$3,000; Coatesville, \$3,300; Chambersburg, \$3,000; Phoenixville, \$3,000; Sharpesburg, \$3,700; Lock Haven, \$2,000; Conshohocken, \$3,750; Latrobe, \$2,700; New Kensington, \$2,500.

It is apparent that those boroughs support such systems at an average cost of about \$3,000 per station. From this we conclude that to equip and maintain five fire stations in Bristol, as requested by the Fire Companies, and as required (as to equipment and maintenance) by the Underwriters, would, as in the case of Carlisle and Chambersburg, cost the Bristol taxpayers about \$15,000 a year.

In marked contrast with this, consolidation would require a sum under no circumstances greater than the \$7,500 set aside by Borough Council for fire defense for the year 1926.

—Report of Nov. 19, 1926.

BURGESS ANDERSON

There is one additional fact which all voters should keep before them. The whole investigation by Borough Council and its Fire Committee showed that Borough maintenance of the existing five companies, with the paid men demanded by the Underwriters to avoid an increase in insurance rates, would, as demonstrated for instance in Chambersburg and Carlisle, cost the taxpayers at least \$15,000 per annum, which is equivalent to an increase of a mill in the tax rate, as against the present \$7,500, which will be sufficient to operate and maintain the new consolidated volunteer company.

—Letter to Citizens, Sept. 1, 1927.

The facts set forth in both the above statements were adduced during months of careful and searching investigation, and are based upon the experience and the detailed data of scores of communities which, in the course of their development, have put their fire departments upon the basis provided for by Borough Council's ordinance of last November.

How, in the face of these facts and of such authoritative statements, the opposition can broadcast statements which are directly the reverse of the truth, can probably only be explained by the motives which have prompted such utterances.

By no competent estimate or worth-while testimony could the existing five companies be equipped and maintained upon the necessary part-paid basis at less than \$15,000 per annum. By no competent estimate or worth-while testimony has the cost of maintaining and operating the consolidated volunteer department, with paid drivers, been placed at more than half that sum, or \$7,500 per year as the maximum.